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April 5, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Supervisors:

Board of Supervisors GLORIA MOLINA First District

YVONNE B. BURKE Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY Third District

DON KNABE Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH Fifth District

APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS (All District – 3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the attached Resolution stating the County's Intent to Reimburse Certain Capital Expenditures from future proceeds of Taxable or Tax-exempt Obligations that are issued on behalf of the County Sanitation Districts.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the above recommended action will enable the County to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the potential proceeds of long-term debt issued on behalf of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. This action does not commit the County to an issuance of debt.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Sanitation Districts are requesting your Board's approval to transfer funds from the Los Angeles County Refuse Disposal Trust Fund to the Calabasas Landfill to initiate the first phase of capital improvements. The Calabasas Landfill requires an estimated \$30.0 million in capital improvements in order to maintain regulatory compliance and ongoing operations.

The Sanitation Districts have requested the County's assistance in obtaining cash flow financing for the proposed capital improvements. In order to ensure reimbursement of capital expenditures by the County made prior to a bond issue, your Board is required

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under federal regulations, to adopt the attached Resolution. We will return to your Board with the Treasurer and Tax Collector with our collective recommendations regarding any financing structure in the near future.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action furthers the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence by providing the necessary short-term assistance to another governmental agency effectively managing the resources to invest in public infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost associated with a debt issuance. Sanitation District revenue would pay the debt service on any bonds.

The proposed improvements at the Calabasas Landfill are estimated to cost \$30.0 million. Adoption of the attached Resolution will permit reimbursement of up to \$4,150,000 in costs incurred in the first phase of the improvements from the proceeds of a debt issue. Any issuance of debt would be secured with a pledge of the first revenues received from the Calabasas Landfill working capital fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved this resolution as to form.

ENVIROMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All environmental documentation will be prepared by the Sanitation Districts and approved by the regulatory agencies prior to implementation of any proposed capital improvements.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not Applicable

IMPACT OF CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not Applicable

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the CAO, Capital Projects Division and Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN

Chief Administrative Øfficer

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DJT:DKM:mdc

Attachment

c: County Counsel

Treasurer and Tax Collector Department of Public Works

Sanitation Districts

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

(CALABASAS LANDFILL PROJECT)

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (the "County") desires and intends to undertake certain capital improvements at the Los Angeles County owned Calabasas Landfill (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, no funds of the County or of any other entity which is a part of the controlled group of which the County is a part (the "Controlled Group") are, or are reasonably expected to be allocated, reserved or otherwise set aside in the County's budget or in the Controlled Group's budget on a long-term basis to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, certain costs of the Project will initially be paid from the Los Angeles County Refuse Disposal Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the costs of the Project paid from the Trust Fund will be expenditures of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County expects to issue taxable or tax-exempt bonds, notes, certificates of participation, or enter into a tax-exempt lease with a third-party lessor ("Obligations") to reimburse the Trust Fund and reimburse the capital expenditures of the County with respect to the Project which were paid from the Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, after issuance of the Obligations, the County will: (1) evidence the reimbursement allocation with an entry in the books or records which it maintains with respect to the Obligations, (2) identify in such entry the actual prior expenditure being reimbursed or the fund from which the expenditure was paid, and (3) be relieved of any restrictions under the relevant legal documents and applicable state law with respect to the amount received as reimbursement as a result of the reimbursement allocation; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will be reasonably available for public inspection within a reasonable period of time after its date of adoption and in the same manner governing the public availability of records of other official acts of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to be a "declaration of official intent" in accordance with Section 1.150-2 of the regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Treasury Regulations").

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, this Board does find, resolve, determine and order that in accordance with Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, the County declares its intention to issue Obligations to finance the Project in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used to reimburse the County for capital expenditures paid for the Project prior to the issuance of said Obligations.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and *ex-officio* the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By:			
-	Deputy		

Approved as to form:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR. County Counsel

Principal Deputy County Counse